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2002/201
Elections, nominations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council elected Yuri M. **Kolosov** (Russian Federation) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2002, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Valeri **Kouznetsov** (Russian Federation).

2002/202
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2002 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 2002 and 2003,[1] deferred consideration of the programme of work for 2003 to a later date and approved the following provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2002:

1. **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2003 of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. **The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2001/299)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2002

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment) (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

[1] E/2002/1.

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on further simplification and harmonization of procedures (General Assembly resolution 56/201, sect. VI)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (ibid.)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (ibid.)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (ibid.)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2001/299)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on further progress in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)[2]

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolution 1997/61, Council resolution 2001/21, para. 7, and General Assembly resolution 56/211)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the global campaign for poverty eradication (Council resolution 2001/42, para. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2000/2 of the coordination segment of the Council on integrated and coordinated conference follow-up, in particular the views expressed by functional commissions (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

(a) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Council decision 2001/320, subpara. (a), and General Assembly resolution 56/227)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2001

[2] To be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Comprehensive report on the reform of the machinery of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on improving United Nations informatics systems (Council resolution 2001/24, para. 5)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[2]

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2001/25)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2001/41, para. 1)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23)

Relevant part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council decision 2001/304)

Note by the Secretary-General on the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions (Council resolution 1999/51)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 56/111)[2]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration (Council resolution 2001/28, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/28 (para. 18)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2002

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2001

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2001

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/19 (para. 8)[2]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2000/227)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including:

- Recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

- Progress report of the Committee on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 1)
- Report on the criteria the Committee proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003 (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 6)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[2]

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2001/230)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2001/22, para. 4)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[2]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fifth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decisions 1995/209 and 2001/231)

(g) Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolutions 53/201 and 56/213)[2]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its tenth meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV), and decision 2000/232, and oral decision taken by the Council on 20 December 2001)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its second session (Council resolution 2000/35 and decision 2001/293)[2]

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/303) on the implementation of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (General Assembly resolution 56/87, para. 8)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[2]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/40 on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 56/125, para. 6)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fortieth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and decision 2001/235)

Report of the Secretary-General on further developments concerning the question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the International Labour Organization Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) (Council resolution 2001/20, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on an international plan of action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (General Assembly resolution 56/116, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 56/113)[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)[2]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 2001/240) (including recommendations regarding the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders) (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 6)[2]

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fifth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and decision 2001/241)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[2]

Oral report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 56/135, para. 31)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/91, para. 16, and General Assembly resolution 55/84, para. 24)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[2]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its first session (Council resolution 2000/22, para. 5, and Council decision 2001/316)

2002/203
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2002 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2002:

(a) The high-level segment would be held from 1 to 3 July 2002;

(b) The operational activities segment would be held from 5 to 9 July 2002;

(c) The coordination segment would be held from 10 to 12 July 2002;

(d) The humanitarian affairs segment would be held from 15 to 17 July 2002;

(e) The general segment would be held from 18 to 24 July 2002.

2002/204
Theme for the regional cooperation item of the substantive session of 2002 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the regional cooperation item at its substantive session of 2002 would be "Interregional cooperation for sustainable development: regional challenges ahead".

2002/205
Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that its high-level meeting with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions would be held at Headquarters on 22 or 23 April 2002.

2002/206
First session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration and its provisional agenda

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council approved the holding of the first session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in New York from 22 to 26 July 2002, as well as the provisional agenda and documentation set out below.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the first session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Enhancing the capacity of public administration to implement the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

   Documentation

   Papers to be submitted by the Secretariat on the above subject, covering various aspects of capacity enhancement, such as policy development capacity, institutional capacity, human resources capacity, financial capacity and technological capacity

4. Basic data on the public sector.

   Documentation

   Document to be submitted by the Secretariat on the refinement of the methodology agreed by the former Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance and brought to the attention

of the Economic and Social Council at its 2000 session concerning the collection and analysis of data on the public sector

5. Review of United Nations activities on public administration.

Documentation

Paper to be submitted by the Secretariat on the general trends of United Nations activities in public administration for the review and guidance of the Committee

6. Proposed programme of work and agenda for the next meeting.

2002/207
Participation of an intergovernmental organization in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2002 the application of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition.

2002/208
Request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer to its resumed organizational session its consideration of a draft proposal to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2002 the request for conversion of the International Civil Defence Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system.

2002/209
Request for conversion of the World Tourism Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Economic and Social Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer to its resumed organizational session its consideration of a draft proposal to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2002 the request for conversion of the World Tourism Organization, an intergovernmental organization with observer status with the Council, to a specialized agency of the United Nations system.

2002/210
Improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council, in order to improve the work of the Commission for Social Development, decided:

(a) That the terms of office of the members of the Commission would be for four regular sessions of the Commission, to begin immediately after the conclusion of work of the Commission's regular session held after the 1 January following their election by the Council, and to end at the conclusion of the regular session held after the 1 January following the election of the States that were to succeed them as members of the Commission, unless they were re-elected;

(b) To extend the terms of office of those members of the Commission whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2002 until the conclusion of the forty-first session of the Commission, of those members whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2003 until the conclusion of the forty-second session of the Commission, and of those members whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2004 until the conclusion of the forty-third session of the Commission;

(c) That the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

(d) That, in that context, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 would apply only to the substantive part of the Commission's sessions.